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Editorial Comment

WITH OTHER EDITORS

WHEN A MAN RETIRES

From The Roanoke Times

"Why not retire gracefully?" The foregoing question is asked, according to the Richmond News Leader, in an attractive life insurance advertisement containing the picture of a vigorous man of 65 saying a smiling goodbye as he enters the door of a Pullman car. The suggestion which the advertisement is meant to convey, it goes without saying, is that it is far better and vastly more pleasant to have life insurance on which to retire gracefully than to hang on, awkwardly and tragically, after one's powers wane.

The News Leader has something to say on the subject which many of our readers doubtless will find interesting. "Retirement is properly retirement to a fixed property," our contemporary reflectively remarks. "The word ought not to mean that when a man quits the work he has been doing all his life, he should prompt to sit at home and do nothing. If he attempts that, he might as well ride out to a cemetery and buy himself a grave the day he bids his fellow-workers farewell. If retirement means transfer of energy, not its abandonment. It may mean that a man who has had activities that keep him from investicating some of the things he wanted to understand at last will have opportunity of exploring them. The wise man retains these unsatisfied interests through his working years, and, as far as time permits, gets ready for figure working on them. He does

"For a man or woman who will do this," The News Leader declares, "the last years of life are the richest. The horizon does not narrow to the door, the easy chair, the front porch: It widens to the garden, the forest, the picture gallery, the distant road, the unvisited land. Every intelligent man or woman turning to Tennyson's Ulysses,"

YEAR OF TRANSITION

From Winchester Star

It is entirely possible, as is now being predicted in real estate circles, that housing will shift from a seller's to a buyer's market in 1947. Both the peak in prices and the worst in shortages seem to have been reached and passed. But the crucial question for both the public and the construction industry is how the transition is to be made.

The gravest danger and one which the industry must consider with great seriousness is that it may price itself out of the huge market for housing which now exists. Both labor and material costs are very much higher than before the war. There is a possibility that the new houses will be out of reach of all but a small fraction of would-be home owners.

If this happens the seller's market may end before the industry has begun to satisfy the demand for residential housing. The construction industry may find itself running into a slump while there are still millions of families who need and want homes.

The alternative is to produce dwellings at prices which the mass of prospective home owners can afford. To do this, under present conditions, will be no easy task. It is doubtful whether it can be accomplished at all unless traditional methods and materials are tossed aside.

But the rewards of success in this field are glittering ones. The man who can show the way to produce at a attractive, low cost home in quantity can both solve the critical housing shortage and assure the continuing prosperity of the construction industry and the employment of is millions of workers for years to come.

UNREST IN JAPAN

From New York Times

Any general strike is a political strike. A general strike is a conquered country takes on the nature of a revolt. General MacArthur acted on that assumption in forbidding the threatened walkout of 2,600,000 Government workers in Japan. It is not likely that he will yield to further pressure by politically inspired Japanese labor leaders.

This is the first sign that Japan is not entirely submissive to our rule. The elected Government is cooperative. It may be that militaristic elements are merely biding their time, though at present they seem impotent. But the power of Japanese labor unions, which hardly existed before the war, has developed, it is a development we have encouraged. There is evidence however, that this call for a general strike was carefully fomented as a challenge to the occupation authority.

There is no doubt that Japanese Government workers are underpaid and live under miserable conditions. So does everybody else in Japan. It is part of the price the nation is paying for a colossal blunder. But a general strike would only have made conditions worse. These workers are distributed in transportation, communications and other utilities. Had they walked out the country would have been thrown into economic paralysis and political turmoil and actual starvation.

Under the thin excuse that General MacArthur is impeding "democratization" they have appealed to the Far Eastern Four Power Council and now thrown to seize Government controlled industries. General MacArthur will certainly not permit it. His mission is to bring Japan to economic recovery and political freedom through the early process of majority rule. His tactical bombing shortage and assure the continuing prosperity of the construction industry and the employment of is millions of workers for years to come.

YOUR FORTUNE FINDER

To learn your "Fortune" for this week from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line of the astrological period in which you were born. You will find it fun.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for February 9

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FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

LESSON TEXT—John 6:25-35, 56-58.
MEMORY SELECTION—I am that bread of life.—John 6:48.

Bread! The cry of the hungry peoples of the world for bread has reminded us anew that it is the simple and elemental things of life which are of most importance. Bread, water, light—such things man cannot do without. How significant then that our Lord declared himself to be the bread of life (John 6:35), the satisfying water (John 4:14), and the light of the world (John 8:12).

This lesson does not deal with the feeding of the five thousand, but the story of that miracle of our Lord is the background for the discourse on the bread of life which is assigned for our study. It is one of the most delightfully simple, yet unfathomably profound, portions of Scripture.

The story of how our Lord multiplied the loaves and fishes of a small boy's lunch and fed the multitude presents him as the Creator and Sustainer of all things. The people having been fed, wanted to take Jesus and make him their King (John 6:15), so he went over the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. But he could not get away from them, for they followed him thither. Meeting them he gave them the instruction they so much needed as he effectively contrasted the temporal and earthly with the eternal and heavenly.

I. The Bread of Earth and the Bread of Heaven (vv. 25-27).

They sought Jesus not that they might receive spiritual blessings, but that their stomachs might be filled (v. 26). It was not a high motive, but an understandable one. Hunger, or the fear of hunger, threatens so many of the people of this earth that one does not find it in his heart to condemn them too severely.

Yet it was a low motive and one which caused them to entirely miss the greatest and most blessed provision of God for their every need. The bread of this earth, bearing the imprint of a human maker, perishes, which have them hungry soon, and soon leave them hungry again. Only the bread of heaven, the seal of the Father (v. 27), would sustain indefinitely for all eternity.

Note the folly of those who labor for the reward which this world can give, but who neglect their eternal welfare (vv. 27). How foolish, too, is the Christian who spends his whole life and his talents in the pursuit of money and invests little or nothing of time or ability in the service of God!

II. The Work of Men and the Work of God (vv. 28-33).

Entangled as they were in earthly things and desires, they seemed for a moment to reach out toward the things of God. Jesus had been talking about everlasting life and the bread from heaven; they wanted to know what they could do to merit and receive it.

It is quite typical of man even to this day that he thinks there must be some way that he can come through to eternal blessedness by way of his own works. We shall see how effectively Jesus dealt with that folly!

The only work that man can do to meet God's first demands and inherit eternal life is to believe in Christ (v. 29). Men want to add up works of penance, works of charity, deeds of righteousness, character development, the observance of religious traditions and ceremonies, the offering of prayers, and so on without end. Jesus sweeps aside all this with one brief word, saying in effect, "It is not a question of do; it is a matter of believe."

Works is not the answer to any spiritual need, but faith in Christ. We must trust God and believe in the One whom he has sent; then we are ready to go out and do his will!

They (yes, and we too) must now face the alternative

III. The Way of Death and the Way of Life (vv. 34, 35, 56-58).

One could wish that the request made in verse 34 could be taken at face value, but the fact that they later turned away and left the Lord indicates that this was again a desire for physical bread. There was probably a vague desire for eternal life, too, but not enough to make them follow through with appropriate action. How much they were like folk today who want the benefits of Christianity, but who will not take up the cross.

There is here a bold contrast between the things of this earth, which, as we use them, perish (and, alas, we perish with them), and the things of God which are of eternal value and power.

Which shall it be, reader, for you? Are you willing to go on day after day on the way of death, or will you today take Christ, who is the way of life?

BACK HOME AGAIN By Ed Dodd

Husband Kills Wife, Self; Daughter, 3, Is Wounded

CLIFTON FORGE, VA.—A Veterans' administration employee shot and killed his estranged wife, critically wounded his three-year-old daughter, injured his mother-in-law and then killed himself.

Police Chief Robert F. Craft said Clark Beckner, about 27, died outright of self-inflicted wounds only a few minutes after his pretty blonde wife, Mrs. Mavis Beckner, died of a chest wound on the front lawn of her parents' home.

The couple's three-year-old daughter, Catherine, was wounded in her chest and throat and physicians said her condition was critical.

Craft said Mrs. Beckner's mother, Mrs. W. A. Rule, was shot in the shoulder. Her wounds were not considered critical.

Alaska Villagers Puzzled At Monster Washed Ashore

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. — Villagers at nearby Homer debated whether the monster washed ashore on Cooks inlet was of prehistoric origin.

The mammoth creature, which resembles a huge lizard, is 18 feet, 10 inches long. According to the villagers, it has crocidile-shaped jaws and its bony head measures 3½ feet long and 2 feet, 3 fnches wide. Its body is covered with hair-like fur and its teeth are 4 inches long and an inch thick.

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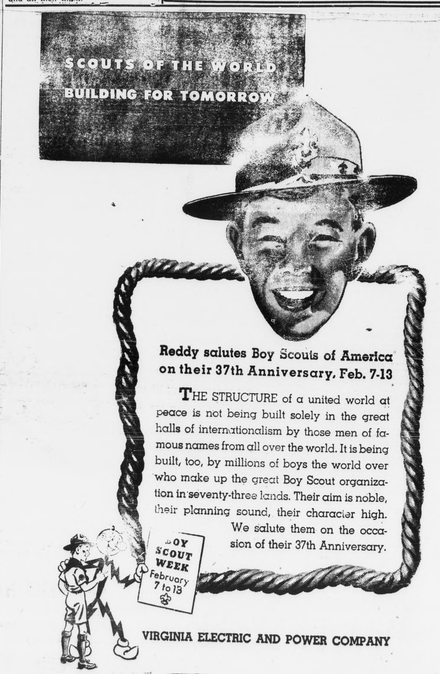

Reddy salutes Boy Scouts of America on their 37th Anniversary, Feb. 7-13

THE STRUCTURE of a united world at peace is not being built solely in the great halls of internationalism by those men of famous names from all over the world. It is being built, too, by millions of boys the world over who make up the great Boy Scout organization in seventy-three lands. Their aim is noble, their planning sound, their character high.

We salute them on the occasion of their 37th Anniversary.

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U. S. Documents To Tour Nation

Exhibit Is Planned as Wide Drive Against Alien Ideologists.

WASHINGTON.—Attorney General Clark announced that a priceless collection of original American documents will be taken in a swing across the country early in the new year on a special train in a nation-wide drive against alien ideologists.

"Liberty on Wheels," an exhibition of such landmarks in American history as the official copy of the Bill of Rights, will tour the 48 states in a specially constructed fireproof train.

The purpose, Clark said, is to reaffirm in the minds and hearts of the American people an understanding and appreciation of the basic principles of our government and in this way to combat alien ideologies."

History Landmarks.

The attorney general said the exhibition "will give millions of Americans an opportunity to view such monumental landmarks in our history as the Bill of Rights, the Emancipation Proclamation, the original of the Gettysburg Address, and the notes in his own handwriting of Patrick Henry's immortal speech in which he said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

Other documents include notes of proceedings leading to the Declaration of Independence in Thomas Jefferson's handwriting, and James Madison's manuscript notes of debates in the federal convention discussing the need for a Bill of Rights.

Clark said the train will visit all large cities and many small ones in the longest tour in the history of American railroading, lasting probably a full year."

Newspapers to Help.

Newspapers will sponsor community programs emphasizing the basic principles of the American form of government. Radio stations and the national networks will dramatize these principles in a series of programs. Motion picture companies will turn out a group of short films along the same line.

After a meeting of Clark and leaders of the three fields a committee has named to handle the press-radio-movie phase of the program. It was headed by Col. T. A. McInroy, personal assistant to Clark and director of public information for the justice department.

Clark said the project is "officially sponsored by the federal government" and added:

"We hope it will be just a springboard for a national and local crusade to reemphasize the concept of American democracy. It is our hope that every governor and every mayor in the nation will sponsor activities in his state and city which will stir the maximum number of Americans to become conscious of the ideals of their country."

McInerny said the cost of the exhibition trip will be borne by interested private individuals and patriotic organizations, but declined to reveal their names.

New Submarine Unveiled by U. S. Navy; It Is a Jeep!

ANNAPOLIS, MD. — The Reluctant Turtle, a submarine jeep, was unveiled by the navy.

Experts said the depth to which it may submerge "seems to be limited only to the length of the neck of the driver, whose head must stick out of the water."

Hitting the water at 18 miles an hour, in a demonstration for newspaper men, the Turtle threw a spray 20 feet into the air and slowed to a walk. Then, using four wheel power, it churned on and the wheels submerged. Finally even the windshield disappeared. It rode the waves like a duck. The demonstration lasted more than an hour.

The Turtle is an ordinary jeep equipped with a "submarine" kit that costs about $1,000.

Marine and navy men at the demonstration said the jeep might have saved lives and equipment in wartime beach invasions.

Cold wave sweeps nation.

Peru bank employees strike.

U. S. to ask new court rule on mortal pay case.

Spring Mode

Men's wear stripes are used by Molly in a new weave for a spring suit. The hat of feathers used to complement the suit is designed by Lilly Dache.

Nebraska State College Developing Hybrid Alfalfa

LINCOLN, NEB.—A hybrid alfalfa, which may match the development of hybrid corn, is being developed in experimental work under way at Nebraska State Agriculture college.

Agronomists are working with varieties which may yield 25 to 30 per cent more forage than present types. Although not yet ready for commercial production, the new hybrids reportedly are of better quality.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

Just because no one has called for a date this week you're starting to lose your self-confidence. You have misgivings about everything. Maybe you don't look glamoric in your new school clothes; maybe that new hair-do isn't at becoming. Cheer up, dear friend, and see if maybe your line has tangled over the summer. Don't let it get you down. Get into as many school activities as you can, join the kids after school around the soda fountain. You needn't be afraid of falling fast asleep under the haystack if you keep Blowing your Horn when you have those Little Boy Blues.

New Russian Dirigible Has Two Engines and One Pilot

MOSCOW.—Russia's newest dirigible, the Patriot, a two engine ship designed for operation by one pilot, is being prepared for its first test flight. The dirigible accommodates 14 persons and the designer is Maj. B. A. Garf. Russia's other dirigible is the Victory.

Portable Phone Replaces Railroad's Hand Signals

CHICAGO.—Portable telephones, carried by freight train skippers, soon may banish many traditional hand signals along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, company officials intimated.

This new kind of "walkie-talkie," which receives and transmits the voice through trains, to control towers and between trains, was announced by Pennsylvania and Union Switch and Signal company.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

ARE YOUR EARS BURNING?

At least they should be warm, what with all the cheerful earfuls you're tying around your heads this winter. Muffle our voices and call us soft spokers, if we know how you can listen as well as you look in these cozy cover-ears.

Triple Threats—First a kerchief (a black or navy job preferred); then a peaked cram cap to which jumbo size powder puffs have been sewn as earmuffs with ribbons to tie under your chin. Dreadful headful!

Handy Heater—A pair of woolen mitts or gloves makes glowly earmuffs if you sew the finger tips together and attack ribbons to the wrists. Then tie over your head and under your chin like regular earmuffs.

Fur Fancies—The big favorite this winter is the white bunny fur earmuff, tied on with velvet ribbon. And "shaggy dog" effects in fur brings on that "Santa Claus Lane Is Here Arf," wherever they go.

Two-in-One Treasure — It's the peaked cap with attached scarf ends that you tie under your chin. It's good for the rink, if you want to cut a fancy figure.

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YOU'LL BE SOR-R-RY!

If you're too tired out to do homework,
Then on study tomorrow rely,
If it's late and you can't make your dome work,
You can dream up a good alibi.

If piano and mending you're scorning
For sleep—they will corse out all right,
But you do hate yourself in the morning
When you don't put your hair up at night!

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Uncle Sam Says

"Where on earth did my money go?" How often have you voiced this question, half in wonder, half in dismay! It's so easy to flitter away ready cash. A dollar here—and a dollar there—and in the end nothing to show for it. And yet saving for the things you want—a new home, travel or future security—is easy and effective simply by allotting a portion of your income either through the payroll savings or by arrangement with your bank for the systematic purchase of United States Savings Bonds. Dollars go, your bonds grow. When you buy Savings Bonds regularly, you are building the nest-egg for whatever you've set your heart on.

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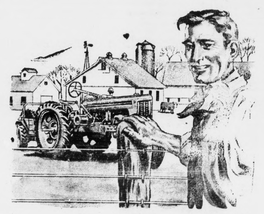

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Oakville

Oakville, Feb. 4.—Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore Sunday were Harry Phelps, of Bedford and Miss Cotcille Phelps, of Lynchburg. Their daughter, Miss Dot Moore, of Norfolk spent the week-end with them.

Mesdames Wiley Moore and Florine Phelps spent Monday with Mrs. Donald Hamilton, who has been sick for sometime.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers last Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hillsman, Mrs. Florine Phelps and son, Bobby, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith and children, Roland, Jr., and Daphine.

Mrs. Terry Rogers and Roland Smith, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Moore in Norfolk recently.

Eddie Moore spent Monday night with Curtis Robertson, Jr.

Miss Thelma Doss visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have moved in a house on W. C. Harvey's farm. We are glad to have them in the community. Visitors in this home last Sunday were Mrs. Della Doss and son, Ryland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burnette Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Meses, Jr., and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Martin Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Spence and daughter visited Mrs. J. C. Moore Jr. and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith and Mr and Mrs. Terry Rogers visited Mr. and Mrs. Mackinturf Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Royal Coleman visited Mrs. C. H. Coleman Saturday afternoon.

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Driver Risks Life to Save 4½ Minutes, Race Discloses

PHILADELPHIA. — Would you risk your life to save four and one-half minutes?

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Two 1939 sedans of the same make arrived tied off together.

show no courtesy to anyone—just drive as fast as the law would allow and keep within traffic regulations. He could take all the chances he wanted. Driver No. 2 was instructed to travel at a safe, normal speed, showing the prescribed courtesies of the road to pedestrians and other motorists.

The driver who took the chances crossed the finish line in 28 minutes—just four and one-half minutes ahead of the safe and sane driver.

Car No. 1, in addition, bumped fenders and had several close calls in traffic.

To drive home the point of the race, Herbert T. Hecht, safety council field service engineer, said:

"We figure that a man of 35 has about 17 million minutes of life left to him. The fast driver saved only four and a half minutes. Just figure the odds he's getting."

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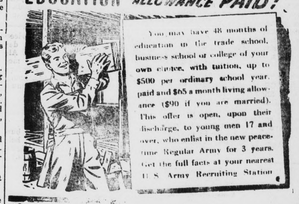

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